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Mr. Dave Dowling
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Dear Mr. Dowling:

Earlier this week I shared with you a copy of a bipartisan letter the Executive Committee of the Congressional Steel Caucus sent to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget. I wanted to remind you and your members of my commitment to American steel, as you rally today.

If you recall, I joined in fighting against the illegal dumping of foreign steel in the early 2000s. I urged President Bush to implement tariffs, which he did, and voted to keep those tariffs in place.

My grandfather and uncle worked in the Granite City steel mills. I know the impact these jobs have on my home county.

Upon learning on March 18 that imported steel was being used to construct this pipeline, I said that I was shocked and saddened. I still am.

I hope that you will relay my thoughts to your membership and to those gathered in your support today. I was proud to "Stand Up For Steel," and now I am proud to support implementation of the "Buy American" provisions of federal law.

Sincerely,



JOHN SHIMKUS
Member of Congress

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